

## Profession of Jockey Beset With Difficulty

Draw Big Salaries, But Serve Long Apprenticeships—Drolette's Sad Experience.  
Career Necessarily a Short One.

In one of the American magazines there has appeared for the past several months a series of articles entitled "The Choice of a Profession," written by learned men in the various professions. These articles have been highly interesting and instructive, and have been eagerly read by young men who are starting on their life's career.

There is a vocation in life that has not been touched upon by any of the learned doctors, and it is probably as lucrative as any of the professions of the honorable professions of which so much has been written. This is the profession of a jockey.

Perhaps it may appear humorous to the reader to think of classing this profession with the better known callings; but there is much to be said about it that is interesting and instructive.

The life of a jockey is full of hardships, and none attains the top round of the ladder without much hard work and many privations. As a rule, a jockey is an illiterate person who knows nothing except horses; but he has to master many intricate things in connection with his calling that probably could not be easily learned by any of the skilled professors in colleges.

### Get Big Salaries.

The jockey who is successful can command a salary equal to that of a railroad or bank president, and if he is temperate in his habits and frugal, can retire after a few years with a competency.

There are very few boys who have made a success as jockeys, however, who can resist the temptations that beset the life of a rider of race horses, and those who have made the best of their opportunities and saved money can be counted on one's fingers.

No one who has a boy's best interests at heart could advise him to adopt the profession of a jockey, for it is too uncertain of success, and involves too much hard work and privation, and the percentage of eminently successful riders is very small.

In order to make a success of riding a boy must enter a stable almost before he has laid aside his swaddling clothes. Light weight is absolutely necessary, and the less a lad weighs when he starts out to become a rider the better chance he has to succeed.

A boy must begin at the bottom of the ladder. His novitiate is passed within the stable. After a time he may come a rubber, which means much hard work and some danger, for there are any number of race horses of savage disposition that will attempt to kill their attendants. When a lad is allowed to get astride a horse's back for the purpose of exercising the animal he has taken the first step toward the profession of a jockey.

### Early Morning Rides.

Trainers of horses who develop jockeys usually have large stables, and in the early morning hours, long before the average person has thought of getting up, the thoroughbreds are out on the track galloping. Many a race takes place between the hours of 2 and 4, and these early morning hours, and the boys who show a natural skill and are able to beat their rivals in the morning gallops are the ones who catch the eyes of the trainers. A boy may show every evidence of being a natural horseman, but he may have to wait years for an opportunity to ride in a real race. The owner of a horse when it comes to racing for purses is not apt to employ an unskilled rider, and hence the limited opportunities that come to the stable boys.

An illustration of the uncertainties that beset the life of a boy ambitious to become a jockey occurred at Benning a few days ago. A lad who had been in the employ of James McLaughlin, himself a rider of much prominence a decade or more ago, had waited for more than three years for the chance to wear colors in a race. He was finally given the longest for opportunity in the third race on Wednesday. The boy had the mount on a horse called Tom Kiley, and he was in great spirits when he came out into the paddock wearing a shining silk jacket. He was looked at with envy by the other boys in his stable, for they believed that the lad had started on a career of fame and fortune.

### Drolette's Experience.

The boy's name was Drolette. He was all smiles as he galloped his horse to the starting post, and he displayed good judgment and judgment while at the start. The horses were away on their mad journey for the "ter" and Drolette was lucky enough to get Tom Kiley off in a good position. The horse was running easily, and no doubt the boy on his back had hopes of seeing his name hoisted in the jockey board and among the other riders in the race. Hardly had the horses settled to running, however, when a disaster occurred. As the field approached the big turn several of the more experienced boys began to obtain good positions in the race, and with little regard for the youth and inexperience of Drolette, pulled their horses over toward the rail. The animals cut sharply across Tom Kiley and before Drolette knew what had happened, his horse had started, and the little lad who had waited so long for the opportunity to ride in a real race, was picked up unconscious. An examination disclosed a broken jaw and several teeth missing. The lad was tenderly lifted into a wagon and taken back to the jockey's room. He now lies in a bed of pain at the Providence Hospital. Whether his disastrous experience will cure him of his ambition to become a jockey is difficult to surmise, but if he should still have aspirations he can expect more than one hard knock before he attains success.

### Beset by Danger.

The dangers that surround a rider of race horses are many. In the past several years many of the boys who have gained regard for each other, and accidents are of frequent occurrence. Tommy Burns, who has been one of the foremost riders on the turf for several years, recently said that the boy who aspired to become a leading jockey could not hope to attain success until he had had nearly every bone in his body broken and had been rendered unconscious a score of times.

One boy has won renown, however, by commanding a salary that will

make him independent for life if he is wise enough to save his money.

A jockey's period of prominence on the turf is not of long duration. He must be able to ride at light weight, and when he begins to get old and take on flesh his usefulness begins to wane. He must suffer all sorts of privations and starvation in order to keep his weight down, and many a time a jockey has gone to the post without having eaten a meal for two days. There are some boys who do not gather weight as they grow older, but as a rule the period of a successful rider of horses lasts not longer than half a dozen years.

Like all other callings, the jockey, in order to attain success, must work hard and long before he can hope to win renown and fortune, and taking into consideration the uncertainties and great risks run, the calling is not a desirable one.

## CENTRAL BEAT HAVERFORD BOYS

Score Was 9 to 8 in Game of Ups and Downs.

### PARSON WON FOR LOCALS

Twelve Sacks Stolen by Visitors, Weak Throwing by Snow, and Yet They Could Not Win.

Central High School this morning defeated the Haverford Grammar School, of Haverford, Pa., by the score of 9 to 8, in an interesting game at Van Ness Park.

The locals scored four runs in the first inning. The first four men up reached base off Montgomery, and after one of them had scored, Hobbs was sent in the box for Haverford. An error and a single batted the other three tallies in, Cunningham Wild.

Cunningham was wild in the second and third innings, and Haverford scored five runs. He also allowed three hits in the fourth, but after that he settled down and held his opponents at his mercy.

Hobbs twirled excellent ball for the visitors, and victory seemed safe for his team until the seventh inning, when a base on balls and three singles sent three Centralites scampering across the plate. In the seven innings and a half he occupied the box he struck out fourteen men.

Captain Snow helped Haverford to get several of its runs by his weak base throwing. Twelve pilfered sacks were made by the visitors. George, their left fielder, stole second, third, and home in the third inning, and capped second base in the seventh. Hobbs and Hobbs carried off the batting honors for Haverford, the former getting a three-bagger and two singles out of four times up, and the latter three singles in four times at bat.

Parson Did It.

Parson played best for Central. He started off with a two-bagger to left and singled to right in the seventh inning, sending two runs across the plate and winning the game for his team.

The line-up was as follows:  
Central—Parson, center field; Cunningham, pitcher; Hampton, left field; McDonald, first base; Snow, catcher; Thomas, short stop; Peck, second base; Kipp, third base; Willis, right field.  
Haverford—Boggs, third base; Marshall, shortstop; Cozens, catcher; Sample, second base; Reeve, first base; George, left field; Hobbs, right field and pitcher; Fowler, right field.

The score by innings:

Central... 4 0 0 2 0 0 3 0 9  
Haverford... 1 3 2 1 0 1 0 0 8

Batteries—Central, Cunningham, and Snow; Haverford, Montgomery, Hobbs, and Cozens. Umpire—Dr. G. Harry White.

### BERNSTEIN-TIPMAN

BOUT NEXT FRIDAY

Joe Bernstein, the "Ghetto champion," has been matched to meet Joe Tipman, the "Prince of Rock Street," before the Eureka Athletic and Social Club of Baltimore on Friday next.

The pair met in Baltimore about eighteen months ago and at the end of twenty rounds of fast work Bernstein got the decision, but there were many good judges who thought the fight should have been a draw.

### VICTOR BECKER DEAD

AFTER YEAR'S ILLNESS

Victor Becker, a retired piano merchant, died yesterday at his residence, 1108 Tenth Street northwest, after an illness of over a year. His death was due to a complication of diseases incidental to old age.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Father Bovens, and interment will be at Mount Olivet.

### MAY HAVE SMALLPOX.

Officials at the Detention Camp, where Douglas Russell, a sailor suspected of having smallpox, was sent last night by the police of the First precinct, say the man has almost all the symptoms of the dreaded disease, and will probably develop a stubborn case within the next two weeks.

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Contest Closes at Midnight Next Saturday Night. Returns Mailed Will Not Be Registered Unless Received by 11:30 P. M.

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| FIRST PRIZE. . . . .  | A Five Hundred Dollar Piano                      | NINTH PRIZE. . . . .  | A Bank Book and Credit of \$5 at the People's Bank  |
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| SECOND PRIZE. . . . .   | A Lady's or Gent's Diamond Ring, Value \$100     | ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH PRIZES—  | Year's Subscription to The Evening and Sunday Times |
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| SIXTH PRIZE. . . . .  | A Handsome Morris Chair                          |   |   |
| SEVENTH PRIZE. . . . .  | Round-Trip Ticket to St. Louis                   |   |   |
| EIGHTH PRIZE. . . . .   | Lady's or Gent's High-Grade Bicycle              |   |   |

## CONDITIONS AND AWARDS

### Read Carefully

Every subscriber, new or old, will be entitled to submit one estimate for each fifty cents paid for subscription to The Sunday Times. You may submit as many estimates as you wish. The more you turn in the greater will be your chances of winning. Every cent paid applies on subscription to The Sunday Times, so it really costs nothing to become a competitor for the valuable prizes offered in this contest.

It is not required that the exact number of dots be given. Should no one get the right number the prizes will be awarded to those whose estimates are the nearest correct.

Residents of Washington and other places, where The Times is served by carriers or newsdealers, will be given fifty cents' worth of subscription

coupons for each fifty cents paid into the contest. These coupons are both a receipt for the money and are to be paid to the carrier or newsdealer for The Sunday Times, the same as money. When the paper is to be sent by U. S. mail the address label on the paper will be dated ahead in accordance with the amount paid, and this date will indicate that the money has been received and the estimate on the number of dots recorded.

Each dot counts one, and no more, regardless of whether it contains an inscription or character, as some of the dots do, or not.

No one now knows, or will know until the contest closes, just how many dots the chart contains. Nor will any one directly or indirectly connected with The Times be allowed to enter the contest.

### Distribution of Prizes

Estimates will be numbered consecutively in the order received. After being numbered they will be pasted in a large scrap-book in numerical order, and in case of a tie for any one prize the one first received will be considered as having won.

The First Prize will be awarded to the contestant submitting the first correct, or nearest correct, estimate on the number of dots in the chart. The Second Prize will be awarded to the one sending in the second nearest correct estimate.

The third prize will be awarded to the one sending in the LAST correct, or nearest correct, estimate, and the

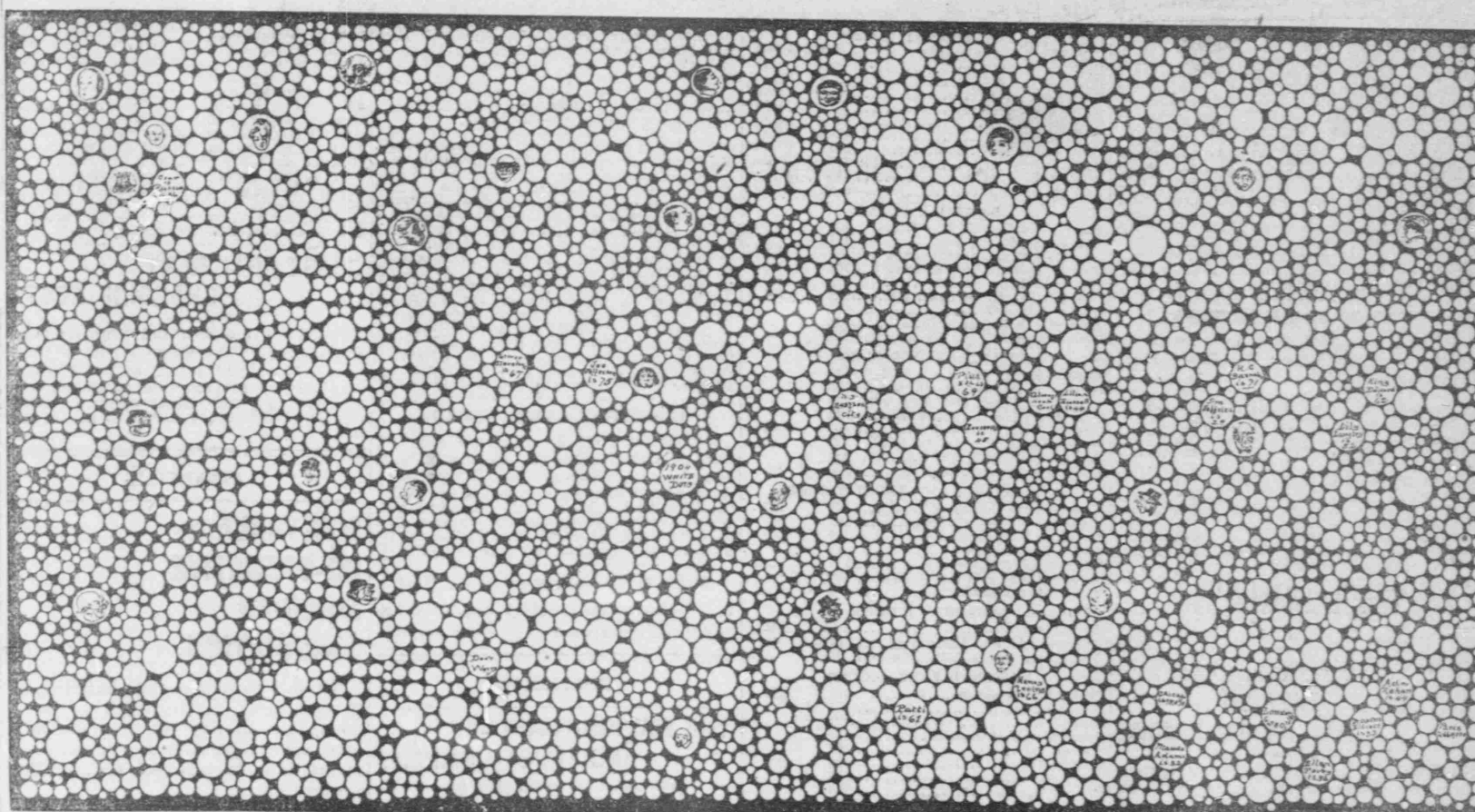
fourth prize to the one submitting next to the last best estimate, reckoning from the last answer received.

[NOTE—Two round-trip tickets added April 4. These will be awarded to those sending in the third and fourth LAST correct or nearest correct estimates.]

The remaining prizes will be awarded in their respective order to the contestants submitting the third, fourth, fifth, etc., best estimates, reckoning from the first answers received.

The awards will be announced in the issue of April 16. The names, addresses and the estimates submitted by the several winners will be published in connection with the announcement of the awards.

## HOW MANY DOTS IN THIS CHART?



### How to Send In Estimates and Blank to Use

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